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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. William C. Child, Bureau Chief
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Land
2200 Churchill Rd.
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Child: *Bill,*

In regards to the recent discussions among our Agencies concerning the Sauget site, I felt it imperative that I send you a written verification which clearly and succinctly states my position on the proposed listing of this site on the NPL.

As I am sure you are aware of, both our Agencies have spent a great deal of time and expense in getting the site to the point where it is now under consideration for placement on the NPL. While I believe that this process should continue, I would certainly consider a request to defer listing if you felt that this action would increase the likelihood of a settlement with the PRPs to fund the investigation and ultimate remediation of the site.

Please keep me informed of your progress at Sauget and feel free to contact me at any time if I could offer any other assistance in getting the Sauget site cleanup underway.

Sincerely,

Bill

William E. Murto, Director
Superfund Division

P.S. *Sorry we missed each other by phone. This is what I wanted to discuss. We told Monsanto it's your call to defer listing. We'll support you either way.*

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